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IN THE TITLE:

Please change the title of the invention "POLYESTER FIBER AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING A POLYESTER COMPOSITION" that is used in the International Publication (WO 01/90455) to --POLYESTER FIBER AND PRODUCTION METHOD OF POLYESTER COMPOSITION-- as shown in the specification and the declaration.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 25 has been amended as follows.

25. (Amended) A method for making a polyester composition according to [either] claim 22 [or 24], wherein the silica-based inorganic particles are added in a polymerization step of the polyester.

New claim 27 has been added to the application.

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27. (New) A method for making a polyester composition according to claim 24, wherein the silica-based inorganic particles are added in a polymerization step of the polyester.